

E. # 1973

Doc. No. 980A

page. 1

Riku-a-Mitsu-ju (Army-Asia Secret, Received) No. 1910  
Received by the Army Secretariat - p.m., 4 March 1942  
Military Affairs Section

1 March 1942, Secret Telegram -2-28  
Sent: 1550 hours  
Received: 1710 hours.

Cho-san-den (Operations Department - Korean Army) No. 518  
Addressed to Vice Minister of War  
From the Chief of Staff of the Korean Army

"As it would be very effective in stamping out the respect and admiration of the Korean people for Britain and America, and also in establishing in them a strong faith in victory, and as the Governor-General and the Army are both strongly desirous of it, we wish you would intern 1,000 British and 1,000 American prisoners of war in Korea. We wish you would give us special consideration regarding this matter.

.....Furthermore, the buildings that may be used for internment camps are two theological schools in Seoul and a Foreigner's School and a theological school in Heijo. Details will be concretely reported to you after we are informed of the intentions of the Central Authorities regarding internment of prisoners of war."

Receipt Number: Amitsu 1910  
From: Korean Army  
Subject: The internment of prisoners of War in Korea  
Term of Preservation: Permanent  
Approved by: The Minister of War  
Executed by: KAWAHARA (Seal)

Draft of Vice-Minister's reply to the Chief of Staff of the Korean Army (Riku-a-Mitsu-den) (Army-Asia-Secret Telegram)

Subject: Internment of Prisoners of War referred to in Cho-San (Korean Army Operations Department) Telegram No. 518

"About 1,000 white men are scheduled to be sent to Fusan. Details will be reported to you later.

Furthermore, are not the buildings scheduled to be allotted for the accommodation of prisoners of war referred to in your telegram, too good for prisoners? Please draw up full plans after investigation and inform us."

Riku-a-Mitsu-den (Army-Asia-Secret-Tel) No. 149 376  
5 March 1942.

Cho-San-Mitsu-475-Report regarding plans for the internment of prisoners of war in Korea.

From: Commander in Chief of the Korean Army, Seishiro ITAGAKI  
To: Minister of War, Hideki TOJO  
Date: 23 March 1942

Regarding the subject matter referred to in Riku-a-Mitsu-den (Army, Asia - Secret Telegram No. 149) dated 5 March 1942, I make report to you as per separate paper.

Plans of the Korean Army for the Internment of Prisoners of War

1. Purpose: It is our purpose by interning American and British prisoners of war in Korea, to make the Koreans realize positively the true might of our Empire as well as to contribute to psychological propaganda work for stamping out any ideas of worship of Europe and America which the greater part of Korea still retains at bottom.

2. The location and the number of men to be interned:

The first internment camp:

Location: Seoul (the former Iwamura Silk Reeling Warehouse will be reconstructed and extended)

Number of men to be interned: About 500.

The Second internment camp:

Location: Jinsen-fu (Military barracks)

Number of men to be interned: About 500.

Plans for equipping these camps will be submitted separately.

3. Supervision: Prisoner of war camps for Korea shall be supervised by the Commander in Chief of the Korean Army. The organs for the care of the internees shall be as provided separately.
4. Term of internment: From the time of the arrival of the prisoners of war up to the termination of the Greater East Asia War.

The main points to be put into force:

- (1) Prisoners of war, with the exception of warrant officers and above, will be used in various sorts of work in the principal cities of Korea, especially where psychological conditions are not good in order to achieve the ends mentioned under I.
- (2) The equipment of internment camps will be cut to the minimum necessary for insuring that daily life as a whole may be led without inconvenience.
- (3) Rations for the prisoners of war will be the same as that of the Japanese army, but at times they may be supplied with food which they are used to.
- (4) Internment, supervision and guarding of prisoners should be carried out so as to leave nothing to be desired.

NOTE: If the prisoners of war arrive before the above mentioned camps are completely equipped, they will temporarily be interned in the Fusan Military Barracks.

A-Mitsu (Asia-Secret) No. 1910 -Part II

Received: Army Secretariat-April 23, 1942

Received: War Prisoners Management Department - May 2, 1942 - Receipt No.31.1

Received: Military Affairs Section, War Ministry - April 23, 1942 -  
Receipt No. 409

Received: Construction Section, War Ministry - April 27, 1942.

Secret Telegram: Sent: 1255 hours April 22

Received: 1345 hours, April 22

Cho-san-den (Korean Army Operational Section Telegram) No. 100

To: Vice Minister of War

Sender: Chief of Staff, Korean Army

We have received your telegram (ho-kan-den - War Prisoners Management Section Telegram) No. 3 dated April 21, to the effect that about 1,000 white prisoners of war are scheduled to be sent to Korea in the middle of June, and therefore request you to take the trouble of giving us permission immediately regarding that part of our plans for the internment of war prisoners submitted to the War Minister as per telegram (Cho-san-mitsu Korean Army Operations Department, Confidential) No. 485, dated 23 March.

Regarding details, the Chief of our Intendence Department has already filed application dated March 20.

NOTE: This matter has already been disposed of by the Distribution Section April 26.

A-Mitsu (Asia-Secret) No. 1910 -Part II

Received: Army Secretariat-April 23, 1942

Received: War Prisoners Management Department - May 2, 1942 - Receipt No.31.1

Received: Military Affairs Section, War Ministry - April 23, 1942 -  
Receipt No. 409

Received: Construction Section, War Ministry - April 27, 1942.

Secret Telegram: Sent: 1255 hours April 22

Received: 1345 hours, April 22

Cho-san-den (Korean Army Operational Section Telegram) No. 100

To: Vice Minister of War

Sender: Chief of Staff, Korean Army

We have received your telegram (ho-kan-den - War Prisoners Management Section Telegram) No. 3 dated April 21, to the effect that about 1,000 white prisoners of war are scheduled to be sent to Korea in the middle of June, and therefore request you to take the trouble of giving us permission immediately regarding that part of our plans for the internment of war prisoners submitted to the War Minister as per telegram (Cho-san-mitsu Korean Army Operations Department, Confidential) No. 485, dated 23 March.

Regarding details, the Chief of our Intendence Department has already filed application dated March 20.

NOTE: This matter has already been disposed of by the Distribution Section April 26.



C E R T I F I C A T E

W.D.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

I.F.S. No. 980-A

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Kaneo Ishibashi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Corresponding Secretary, 1st Demobilization Bureau, and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 15 pages, dated 23 March, 1942, and described as follows: Correspondence re sending American and British POW to Korea. I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): War Ministry

Signed at Tokyo on this

/s/ Kaneo Ishibashi  
Signature of Official  
SEAL

3rd day of October, 1946

Witness: /s/ Torakichi Nakamura

Corresponding Secretary  
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, O-935000, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt.AUS  
NAME

3rd day of October, 1946.

Witness: /s/ Henry Shimajima

Investigation Division IPS  
Official Capacity

M T 10



980-A

次官ヨリ朝鮮軍參謀長へ回答書  
(極重要)

朝參電第五八號俘虜收容、件白人約一千  
ヲ釜山ニ送附セラルル等 時機其他細部、関スル  
後報ス

尚貴電ニ收容所豫定建物、俘虜、取  
扱上優遇ニ思ハサレヤ別ニ研究、上乗ヲ具シ  
報告セラルル

印

陸軍密電四九

376 昭和拾七年癸月五日

花岡

No. 2



No. 4

980-A 明

④

陸軍第九〇五其

昭和十七年三月二十三日  
陸軍省  
陸軍部  
陸軍省  
陸軍部  
陸軍省  
陸軍部

東條

昭和十七年三月二十三日  
陸軍省  
陸軍部  
陸軍省  
陸軍部  
陸軍省  
陸軍部

陸軍

陸軍

極秘

朝鮮參謀部第七五号

朝鮮停戰收容計畫 關入件報告

昭和十七年三月二十三日

朝鮮軍司令官

板垣征四郎

朝鮮  
軍司  
令官

陸軍大臣 東條英機殿

昭和十七年三月五日陸軍密電第一四九号三派以首題件別紙、直  
報告

南方總軍ヨリ、輸送計畫返電右

臨時編成實施、コト

980-4

極秘

一〇部内高(号)

漢字

朝鮮軍空襲收容計畫

一、目的

米英人等屬「難民」收容、朝鮮人「對」帝國、實行「現狀」認識、  
「夫」收容朝鮮人大部、内「抱懷」敗北、  
崇拜觀念「拂拭」之意、以思宜備工作資「供」之、  
在「

二、位置及收容人員  
京城收容所  
仁川收容所 } 臨時編成要領

右一收容所

位置

京城府

(元岩村製糸倉庫「増改築」)

收容人員 約五〇〇人

第三收容所

位置

仁川府 (廢倉)

收容人員 約五〇〇人

右收容所、施設計畫「別」提出、

No. 5

980-A

### 三管理

朝鮮之停戰收容所(朝鮮軍司令部之管理)  
收容所機關(別定之新條)

### 四收容期間

停戰到着之日大東亞戰爭完了迄之

### 五実施要領

1. 目的(達成之意)俘虜(准士官以上ヲ除)之朝鮮之主要都市、持以不良地、於各應作業服之
2. 收容所、諸施設一般、起居、食、最少限、程度設備
3. 給養(日本軍政、衛生、主一部慣用食ヲ支給スルヲ)
4. 俘虜、收容取締之警戒(國、三萬遺骸、十ヲ期ス)

### 備考

前記收容所諸施設整備前停戰到着之日場合ハ一時  
釜山廠舎ニ收容ス

No. 6



No. 7.

980-A.

陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省

軍密電元(〇〇)其二

秘電報 四月二二日 三時五五分  
三時四五分

朝鮮參電第(〇〇)号

次官宛 発信者 朝鮮軍參謀長

四月二十一日附俘虜密電本三三三條、白人俘虜約千名、  
大田中自朝鮮三輸送、豫定七日入電、タリ、タリ、タリ、  
二十三日附朝鮮參電本四七五号、以テ大臣宛報告、當軍  
俘虜收容計畫中收容所、施設計畫、肉、之、至  
急認可可配慮、之、更細部、因、之、三月二十日附當軍  
經理部長ヨリ申請、

本件、建築課、於、之、處理、之、

2/4 (印)

終

陸軍省  
17.4.23  
陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省

陸軍省  
17.4.23  
陸軍省  
和31.1号

陸軍省  
17.4.23  
陸軍省

陸軍省  
17.4.27  
建築課

(印)

980 A cert-1

證 明 書

「ワシントン」文書局 第 號  
國 際 検 察 部 第 號

典 據 及 ビ 公 正 ニ 關 ス ル 證 明

余、石橋兼雄ハ余ガ下記ノ資格ニ於テ、即チ第一復員局文書課課員トシテ、日本政府ト公的關係ニ在ルモノナルコト、竝ニ該官吏トシテ余ガ茲ニ添附セラレタル、一頁ヨリ成ル、千九百四十二年ノ昭和十七年ノ三月二十三日附、下記題名即チ朝鮮俘虜收容計畫ニ關スル件報告ノ文書ノ保管ニ任ジ居ルコトヲ茲ニ證明ス。

余ハ更ニ添附ノ記録及ビ文書ガ日本政府ノ公文書ナルコト、竝ニ右ガ下記名稱ノ省又ハ部局ノ公式書類及ビ綴ノ一部ナルコトヲ證明ス。(若シアラバ綴番號又ハ引用、其ノ他公式書類又ハ綴ニ於ケル該文書ノ成規所在ノ公式名稱ヲモ特記スベシ) 陸 軍 省

980A cert. 2

千九百四十六年 / 昭和二十一年 / 十月三日

東京ニ於テ署名

當該官吏署名欄

石 橋 兼 雄

右ノ者ノ公的資格

第一復員局文書課課員

證 人

中 村 寅 雄

公式入手ニ關スル證明

余、2d Lt Eric W. Flasher 余ガ聯合國最高指揮官  
總司令部ニ關係アルモノナルコト、竝ニ上記題名ノ  
文書ハ余ガ公務上、日本政府ノ上記署名官吏ヨリ入  
手シタルモノナルコトヲ茲ニ證明ス。

千九百四十六年 / 昭和二十一年 / 十月三日

ニ於テ署名

氏 名 欄

Eric W. Flasher 2d. Lt.AUS

右ノ者ノ公的資格

Investigator IPS

證 人

Henry Shimajima